

Gendered Work Relations Systems in Agriculture: Implications to Women's Participation, Good Governance and Sustainable Development

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In recent years, feminist epistemology has allowed philosophical discourses and literary writings to be written through women's eyes. Women have played important roles, most often unrecognized, in setting the texture, pace and values of social, cultural, political and economic development. Two field level experiences, specifically on sustainable farming and coastal resource management, show how rural women's participation and contribution have engendered work practices through the production systems they engage in. While part of the agricultural production process, women also responded to life circumstances considering crucial needs of their families, organizational responsibilities and community participation.